

OF THOMAS

liberty and interest by the must
lasting bonds, As therefore, as they
can find employment in this line, I not
convert them into mariners, artisans or
anything else. our citizens will find
employment in this line till their time
and, of course, their productions, become
too great a demand both internal and
foreign. This is not the case yet, and
probably will not be for a considerable
time. Inasmuch as it is, the surplus of hands must
be turned to some-else, I should then
perhaps wish to turn them to the sea
and to manufactures, because
comparing the character of the two classes, I find
the former the most valuable citizen—I consider
the class of artificers as the founders of
vice, the instruments by which the liberties of a
country are generally overturned. (To John Jay,
1785, F. IV., 88.)
• A prosperity
built on the basis of agriculture, which is
most desirable to us because of the effects
of it adds the effects of a greater fertility of
the soil (To F. Dumas, 1788, F. VI., 70.)
—Sec Farming.
ANSI SKTtrtoN LAWS. I consider the Alien
and Sedition laws merely an experiment of the
American mind to see how well bear an
avowed violation of the Constitution. If thin
hence we shall immediately see attempted
another act of declaring that the
President shall continue in office 'till his life,
reserving to another invasion the transfer
of the office to his heirs, and the
establishment of the Senate for at least this
may be the aim of the *Monarchians*, while
the *Monarchists* (who are perhaps the
strongest) may be playing a game for the
restoration of his gracious majesty (George
Washington). That these things are in
contemplation, I have no doubt; nor can I be
confident of their failure, after the duplicity of
our countrymen have shewn themselves
susceptible. (To Madison, 1798, F. VII., 18.)
K. M. A. M. SKMfiN I*AWH.—The Alien bill is
rejected again and softened, and if the
proviso can be added to its saving clause, it will be
less objectionable than I thought it possible
to obtain. * * * They have brought

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